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... In the Southern California Intercollegiate Peace Prize Contest, which took place on the 18th of May, Occidental College won first prize and the University of Southern California second.

... A life-size portrait of President Taft, just finished, is to hang in the Peace Palace at The Hague. The portrait was suggested by Queen Wilhelmina. It has been painted by Theodore Molkenboer, of Amsterdam.

... A Canadian committee to assist in the arrangements for the celebration of the hundred years of peace between Great Britain and the United States was created at Ottawa on June 4. Many prominent Canadians interested themselves in the organization of the committee, among whom were Senator Cox, Senator Dan-durand, Sir Louis Jette, Sir Alexander Lacoste, Sir William MacKenzie, Sir W. R. Meredith, Sir William Mulock, and Sir Edmund Walker.

... The government of New Zealand is finding great opposition to the defense act, which came into operation two years ago and provides for the compulsory military training of all males from boyhood. Many lads have refused to take the oath under the act, and have been sentenced to imprisonment in consequence. The dislike of the act is so great among the people that the cabinet is already contemplating a modification of it.

... In the first annual contest of the Missouri Valley Oratorical Association, held at Drake University, Des Moines, Iowa, on the 25th of May, J. C. Emerson, of the State College at Ames, Iowa, won first place. His subject was "America and the Peace Problem in the Orient." The peace boys are winning in nearly all of the general oratorical contests in which they take part.

... What is reported to have been the first peace meeting in the history of the Church of the Brethren was held at York, Pa., on the 1st day of June, as a part of the National Conference of the Brethren Churches. It was attended by about 5,000 persons, and a determined stand was taken by the delegates against war of any kind for any reason. The speakers were P. B. Fitzwater, of Princeton, N. J.; Daniel Hayes, of Virginia; W. S. Long, of Altoona, and W. J. Swigart, of Huntingdon, Pa.

## Welcome to the Baroness von Suttner.

Dr. Ernst Richard, president of the German-American branch of the American Peace Society, sends us the following statement:

Bertha von Suttner, the great champion of the cause of peace, arrived for her second visit to the United States on Monday, June 17. She came on the invitation of the Federated Women's Clubs to address their convention in San Francisco. An extended lecture tour is to follow, which will keep her with us till far into winter.

The steamer *New York*, which brought the Baroness von Suttner to our shores, was due in New York Sunday, but was detained by heavy fog. Early Monday morning a delegation, representative of the American peace movement, was at the dock of the Customs Service to go out with the revenue cutter to meet the distinguished guest. It consisted of Mr. William H.

Short, representing the New York Peace Society; Mr. Henry S. Haskell, for the Carnegie Endowment, and Dr. Ernst Richard, of the German-American Peace Society, as special representative of the International Conciliation Association. After several hours' waiting at the Battery the fog had lifted sufficiently to make it possible for the revenue cutter to start. But it took from nine to one o'clock before the *New York*, which had arrived at Sandy Hook the evening before, steamed up to Quarantine. In the meantime the delegates received an object-lesson in internationalism while the revenue officers boarded a German, two English, a French, a Cuban, a Greek, and two Norwegian steamers. The last named were engaged in the trade between New York and Central America—in perfect safety, though their route, from beginning to end, lies thousands of miles away from the country whose flag protects them—and that flag is not backed by any navy.

The delegates, accompanied by Mr. William B. Feakins, who is to manage the Eastern lecture tour for Frau von Suttner, boarded the *New York* at last and found the Baroness on the upper deck, well pleased with her unexpected greeting. She is looking much stronger than on her former visit to America in 1904. The formalities connected with the landing were quickly attended to, and at 2 o'clock the steamer docked at her pier. Shortly afterwards the party reached the Hotel Astor, where a number of representative peace workers were assembled at a luncheon, on the invitation of Mrs. Samuel Untermyer.

It was an exceedingly pleasant view that met the Baroness when she entered the room and received the welcome of so many enthusiastic faces who had gathered around the festive board, beautifully decorated with flowers. Prof. Felix Adler presided, and made the speech of welcome, to which Baroness von Suttner answered with a few appropriate words. Several other speeches followed, in which unconsciously the question of woman suffrage assumed a part almost as prominent as the cause of peace. The meeting, however, had to break up rather soon, as the Twentieth Century Limited was to take the Baroness to Chicago, from which she traveled by the Woman's Federation special train to San Francisco. The friends of peace and all admirers of Bertha von Suttner owe a debt of special gratitude to Mrs. Untermyer, the chairman of the Ladies' Social Committee of the New York Peace Society, for doing the honors of our country in such a charming and magnificent manner and making this welcome such an enjoyable function for all concerned.

## New England Organized for Peace. Rhode Island Comes Into the Federation.

The Rhode Island Peace Society has voted to become a constituent branch of the American Peace Society. The annual meeting of the society was held in the Friends' Meeting House, Providence, Sunday evening, May 26. Charles Sisson presided and Robert P. Gifford acted as secretary. An address on the development of the world-peace movement, with illustrations from recent diplomatic history, was made by Dr. James L. Tryon, director of the New England department of the American Peace Society, followed by explanations